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METROPOLIS: A SMALL PARK.
A BIG PROBLEM...
HAND 'EM OVER, LADY. I DON'T WANNA HURT YA, OKAY?
G-GET AWAY!
I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING--
THE LOTTO TICKETS.
KLISSH!
I SAW YA BUY A WHOLE ROLL.
B-BUT I SPENT MY FAMILY'S FOOD MONEY ON THOSE TICKETS...!
AT LEAST YA HAD FOOD MONEY. LOOK, I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE OFFA THE STREET.
THERE AIN'T NO OTHER WAY...!
huh--?
TSSSS

THE FORTUNE PLAGUE

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I-I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! I PROMISE..!
HE'S NO CRIMINAL... JUST DESPERATE.
I'LL SEE TO HIM AS SOON AS I'M SURE--
--YOU'RE OKAY?
YES, THANKS TO YOU. THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY. HERE:
A REWARD!
CHRRIP
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY, MA'AM.
WHATSA MATTER--TOO GOOD TO TAKE PRESENTS FROM COMMON FOLK?
:sigh: SOME DAYS I JUST CAN'T WIN.
NO, MA'AM.
THANK YOU.

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LOTTERY FEVER'S MAKING FOLKS CRAZY-- MILLIONS ARE AT STAKE.
BETTER GET THAT WOULD-BE MUGGER TO A COUNSELING CENTER, THEN GET MYSELF TO--
"--THE DAILY PLANET!"
HEY, THANKS, CLARK!
MY PLEASURE, TED. 'FRAID I DON'T BELIEVE MUCH IN LUCK THESE DAYS.
METROPOLOTTO
OH--!
HELLO, LOIS.
HELLO, CLARK.
WELL...
UM...
BYE.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO BROKE UP.
YEAH... NEITHER CAN I.
GATHER 'ROUND, PEOPLE! SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO BECOME FILTHY RICH!
AND THE LUCKY LOTTO JACKPOT NUMBER IS...
METROPO

I WON!

OH, WOW! THE TICKET CLARK GAVE ME HAS THE WINNING NUMBER!
METRO
YOU TOO? WE BOTH HAVE NUMBER 84697
UHHH, NO. MY NUMBER'S 2753--THE ONE THE ANNOUNCER CALLED.
METRO LOTTO
YOU'RE BOTH NUTS. HE CALLED 6015--MY NUMBER.
WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?
METRO
TWO BLOCKS AWAY...
IMPOSSIBLE! WE CAN'T ALL HAVE THE WINNING NUMBER!
BAR
WHO CARES? EVEN SPLIT A DOZEN WAYS, WE'LL BE LOADED!
YER ALREADY LOADED--!
K-RON'S GOAT TEA
MY COMPANY'S ABOUT TO FOLD. I PLOWED EVERY CENT OF CAPITAL I COULD MUSTER INTO BUYING LOTTERY TICKETS.

I'M NOT SHARING THOSE WINNINGS WITH ANYONE!
A-A-ALL RIGHT-- G-GIVE ME YOUR TICKETS!
PLEASE...?
FAT CHANCE, SUIT!
SA-KASH!
STAY AWAY FROM THAT GUN--!
GET YER HAND OUTTA MY POCKET!
IT'S MY BAR, AN' I'M CHARGIN' A THOUSAND BUCKS A DRINK!
EVERYONE CAN'T HAVE THE WINNIN' NUMBER!
SOMETHIN'S SCREWY!
SAY, WE ALL BOUGHT TICKETS AT BERNIE'S BOOZE BARN, RIGHT?
FLAW OFFICES
GEARY Print Shop
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YEAH!

BERNIE'S SCAMMIN' US!
THAT NO-GOOD--!
I'LL GET SOME GASOLINE!
WH-WHAT'RE YOU, NUTS?!
I'VE GOT 20/20 HEARING AND THE GUY SAID "5462"!
THAT'S COMPLETELY WRONG.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...!
HEADS UP-- WE'VE GOT A CRISIS BREWING! PHONES ARE RINGING OFF THE HOOK ABOUT FIGHTS, FIRES-- THERE COULD BE A FULL-SCALE RIOT SOON!
CLARK, LOIS-- GET OUT ON THE STREET AND START FEEDING US FACTS!
BUT--!
DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO, CLARK-- I'LL COVER FOR YOU.
LOIS? DOES THIS MEAN--?
IT MEANS I'M USED TO IT. THAT'S ALL...
...NOW.

ON THE STREET...
GOT NO RIGHT--!
CAN'T GET AWAY WITH--!
GIMME THAT!
FIRES ARE SMALL NOW, BUT COULD GROW IF THEY SPREAD.
HAVE TO USE THIS HYDRANT--
--ALONG WITH A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH--
PWOOSH!
--TO DOUSE THE FLAMES...
...AND COOL THE TEMPERS THAT CAUSED THEM!
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;sputter-sput!

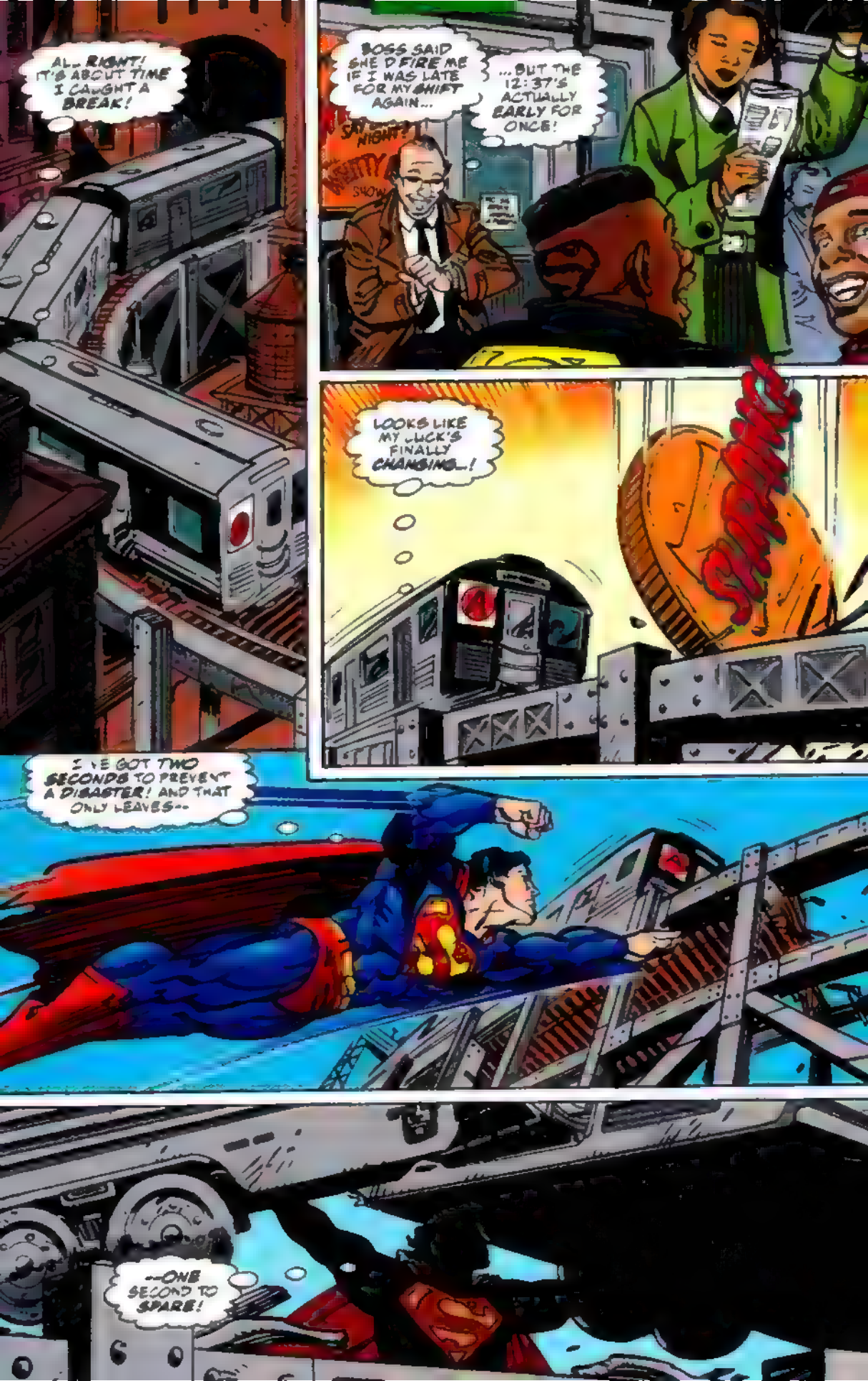
CLUB
"THAT'S ENOUGH, YA YAHOOS!"
I KNOW YA ALL THINK YA WON THE JACKPOT WIT' THEM TICKETS I BOUGHT YA.*
.. BUT TAKE IT OUTSIDE, A'RIGHT?
*IN ADVENTURES #534.
HEY, BIBBO! YER PROMOTER SAYS YER PRELIM BOUT'S BEEN CANCELLED! "IRON DAVE" WAS SO JUICED OVER WINNIN' THE LOTTERY--
--HE PUT HIS HAND THROUGH A WALL AN BUSTED IT!
YA WIN BY DEFAULT! TALK ABOUT LUCK--!
HMM. I BEEN WONDERIN' IF GETTIN' A SHOT AT THE TITLE WAS JUST LUCK.
BUT WHEN I CLIMB NTA THE RING WIT' THE CHAMP--
--I'LL BE MAKIN' MY OWN LUCK!

WHILE HIGH ABOVE--
--A SIGN OF THE TIMES--
SHRRRING!
--GOTHAM BURSTING WITH GOOD NEWS
PTANK!
KCHING!
...AS IT RAINS GLITTERY GOLDEN MAYHEM ON THE CITY BELOW.
HA! EVERYONE ELSE BOUGHT LOTTERY TICKETS, BUT I SPENT MY BUCKS ON THE CHURCH RAFFLE!
AND I WON A BRAND-NEW CAR!
PRUNCHH!
D'OH--!

STOCK MARKET'S GONE THROUGH THE ROOF! ANOTHER HOUR OF THIS AND I CAN RETIRE!
MAN, THIS IS MY LUCKY--
--DAY?
SWOOOM!
EGD!
GO HOME!
GET INSIDE AND STAY THERE!

GOOD ADVICE! I'D BETTER--HUH? HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL JUST LYING IN THE STREET?
GIANT COINS, FALLING FROM THE SKY?
THAT'S AMAZ--
:GOOD:
SHWUPP!
LA MAISON!
EL CASA!
DAS HAUS!
HOME!
Y-Y-YESSIR! R-RIGHT AWAY, SIR!
WHY WOULD ADVERTISERS USE REAL COINS? AND WHY SO MANY?
SOMETHING VERY STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE..!

SORRY TO CUT LUNCH SHORT DANA, B-- THAT CALL WAS FROM WGBS
SOMETHING STRANGE IS GO'NG ON, AND--
BISTRO
JIMMY OLSEN? WOW, I'VE SEEN YOU ON TV!
I JUST LOVE NEWS-MEN!
JIMMY...?
FACE IT TIGER...
..YOU JUST HIT THE JACKPOT.
UHHH..
HEY--!
I SAW IM FIRST!
HE'S SO ADORABLE!
W-WAIT A MIN--OW!
I GOT A LOCK OF HIS HAIR!
I WANT ONE, TOO!
DIBS ON THE TIE!
GONNA HUG IM 'TIL HE POPS!
H-H-HELP!
JIMMY--
--HERE!
WHOA. TALK ABOUT "LUCKY AT LOVE"!
MAN, THAT'S LUCK--
--YOU CAN HAVE IT!


AL..RIGHT! IT'S ABOUT TIME I CAUGHT A BREAK!
BOSS SAID SHE'D FIRE ME IF I WAS LATE FOR MY SHIFT AGAIN...
...BUT THE 12:37'S ACTUALLY EARLY FOR ONCE!
SATURDAY NIGHT!
LOOKS LIKE MY LUCK'S FINALLY CHANGING...!
SPARKING!
I'VE GOT TWO SECONDS TO PREVENT A DISASTER! AND THAT ONLY LEAVES--
--ONE SECOND TO SPARE!

ENGINEER'S CALLING IN A WARNING-- TRAINS WILL BE REROUTED IMMEDIATELY.
AND TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS THE CITY'S CALMING DOWN. MAYBE--
"--THE WORST IS OVER"
TALK ABOUT SERENDIPITY--!
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR AN APARTMENT FOR MONTHS.
AND THEN THIS B--DING POSTS A "FOR RENT" SIGN JUST AS WE PASS BY.
IT'S PERFECT, EXCEPT--
I KNOW, HON. I KEEP WISHING WE HAD A RIVER VIEW, TOO.
RRRMMBLL
WHA--?
OOOP--!
B-B-BUILDING'S MOVING! HEADING STRAIGHT FOR--
--THE RIVER!
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IIIEEEE!
WHAT THE DEVIL--?!
IIII--EEP?
GOT HIM! BUT THE OTHER TENANTS--
"--OH LORD! STOVE PULLING LOOSE. THAT WOMAN--!"
:gasp!:
C-C-COOL!
I'LL SET THESE TWO DOWN, THEN GO BACK FOR--
KRABASH!
"--NO! THE WALKING BUILDING'S REACHED CENTENNIAL PARK!"
"AND THE ANNUAL SONS OF ERELAND PICNIC!"
SONS OF IRE
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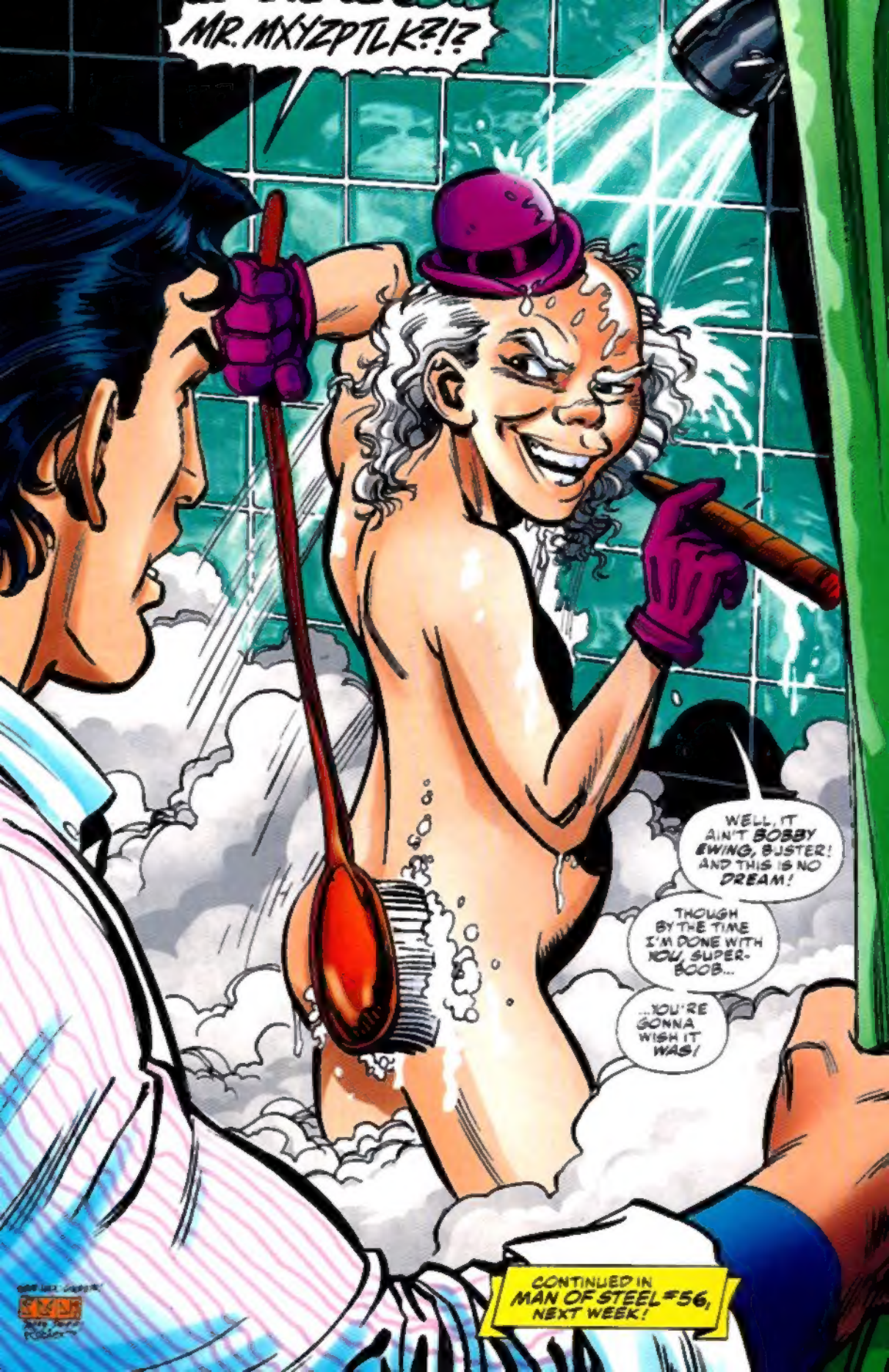
GOOD LUCK & TURNING BAD? OKAY, PERRY - I'LL ECHO UP ON THAT ANGLE.
RON! HI!
LUCY?
GOSH WE'VE SURE BEEN RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER A LOT LATELY. LUCKY US, HUH?
WAITAMINUTE! "GOOD LUCK... TURNING BAD"?
LUCY, STOP! DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP!
KA-KAMM!
?!?
G-GAS MAIN MUST'VE BEEN BROKEN BY ONE OF THOSE FALLING COINS!
LUCKY THING YOU TOLD ME TO STOP!
LUCK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

CLOSE!
TOO CLOSE!
THOOM!
BUT AT LEAST THAT MOBILE MONOLITH'S CLEARED THE PARK.
THERE'S NOTHING IN ITS WAY NOW BUT--
"--THE RIVER?"
BLAST! TENANTS ON THE LOWER FLOORS WILL DROWN!
HAVE TO SHUT THIS MONSTROSITY DOWN FAST!
EEEEE!
:g-glub:

AND MATERIALS FROM THAT SHIPYARD COULD BE JUST WHAT I NEED!
STEEL CABLES ARE REINFORCED--
--AND WELDING THEM TOGETHER WITH HEAT VISION WILL MAKE THEM EVEN STRONGER.
THAT SHOULD DO IT. NOW TO FLY IN SOME EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO HELP THE INJURED!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
I DUNNO, HON--
--BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M PAYIN' TWO GRAND A MONTH FOR THIS VIEW!

AND, HOURS LATER, AS METROPOLIS RETURNS TO A SEMBLANCE OF NORMALCY...
CAN'T RELAX. CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S OVER. THAT INSANITY WASN'T RANDOM...
...AND THAT WALKING BUILDING WAS A PRETTY OBVIOUS CLUE AS TO WHO'S BEHIND IT.
PROBLEM NOW IS, HOW DO I FIND--
--eh? SHOWER RUNNING?
LOIS? LORI? THAT YOU?
NO ANSWER. AND-- hmm? CAN'T SEE THROUGH THE STEAM IN THE BATHROOM! BUT THE ONLY THINGS THAT CAN BLOCK MY X-RAY VISION ARE LEAD--
--AND MAGIC!
WHICH MEANS I WON'T HAVE TO SEARCH VERY FAR, AFTER ALL.
NOT TO FIND--
--YOU!


MR. MXYZPTLK?!?
WELL, IT AIN'T BOBBY EWING, BUSTER! AND THIS IS NO DREAM!
THOUGH BY THE TIME I'M DONE WITH YOU, SUPER-BOOB...
...YOU'RE GONNA WISH IT WAS!
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